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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	JP 2002-129283 A (Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd.), 09 May, 2002 (09.05.02), Claims; column 1, lines 19 to 22; column 5, lines 42 to 49; column 8, 25 to 32; table 1; kind of steel H (Family: none)	1-16
X	JP 64-25916 A (NIPPON STEEL CORP.), 27 January, 1989 (27.01.89), Claims; page 1, lower right column, lines 3 to 8; page 3, upper left column, line 15 to upper right column, line 1 (Family: none)	1-16

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A	JP 61-279623 A (NIPPON STEEL CORP.), 10 December, 1986 (10.12.86), Claims (Family: none)	1-16
A	GB 2155950 A (NIPPON STEEL CORP.), 02 October, 1985 (02.10.85), Claims & DE 3507124 A & FR 2560608 A & JP 60-187663 A Claims & CA 1239568 A	1-16

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Claims 1 and 2, and, claims 3 and 4 include all the oil well steel pipes having desired properties of "the ratio a/b of the crushing pressure after pipe expansion to the crushing pressure before pipe expansion is the range of 0.85 to less than 1" and "the ratio c/d of the crushing pressure after pipe expansion and aging to the crushing pressure before pipe expansion is the range of 1 to 1.2", respectively. However, only an oil well steel pipe is disclosed in the meaning of PCT Article 5, which is produced by a method comprising subjecting a steel piece having a specific chemical composition, wherein the contents of C, Mn, P, S, Nb, Ti, Al and N are values of specific ranges, respectively, and the balance is constituted by iron and inevitable impurities, to a hot rolling, and winding up the resulting steel belt at a temperature of 300°C or lower, or comprising heating a steel piece having a specific chemical composition, wherein the contents of C, Mn, P, S, Nb, Ti, Al and N are values of specific ranges, respectively, and the balance is constituted by iron and inevitable impurities, to a temperature from A_{c3} [°C] to 1150°C, and then cooling the resultant steel piece at a rate of 5 to 50°C/sec for the range of 400 to 800°C. Therefore, claims 1 and 2, and, claims 3 and 4 lack the support in the meaning of PCT Article 6.

Accordingly, the search for claims 1 to 4 and claims 5 to 10 defined by referring to claims 1 to 4 has been carried out for the range supported by and disclosed in the specification, that is, for an oil well steel pipe produced by a method comprising subjecting a steel piece having a specific chemical composition, wherein the contents of C, Mn, P, S, Nb, Ti, Al and N are values of specific ranges, respectively, and the balance is constituted by iron and inevitable impurities, to a hot rolling, and winding up the resulting steel belt at a temperature of 300°C or lower, and an oil well steel pipe produced by a method comprising heating a steel piece having a specific chemical composition, wherein the contents of C, Mn, P, S, Nb, Ti, Al and N are values of specific ranges, respectively, and the balance is constituted by iron and inevitable impurities, to a temperature from A_{c3} [°C] to 1150°C, and then cooling the resultant steel piece at a rate of 5 to 50°C/sec for the range of 400 to 800°C.